

REMARKS

Claims 1-3, 6-8, 11 and 12 are pending in the present application.

Claim Rejections – 35 USC § 112

Claims 1-3, 6 and 7 stand rejected under 35 USC 112 as failing to comply with the enablement requirement. Specifically, Examiner states the phrase in Claim 1 “a particular drain” is indefinite. While Applicants believe a particular drain is definite Applicants have amended Claim 1 to read said drain per the Examiner’s suggestion.

Claim Rejections – 35 USC § 103

In view of the 112 rejection above, Claims 1-3, 6 and 7 stand rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Mehrad et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,765,257; hereinafter “Mehrad”) in view of Wollesen et al (U.S. Patent No. 4,410,904; hereinafter “Wollesen”). Applicants respectfully assert the Mehrad et al. reference and the Wollesen et al. reference do not teach or suggest the present claimed invention, alone or together in combination. Claim 1 has been amended herein to indicate that the source contact is coupled to the common source line through said drain. This is advantageous in that additional pathways do not have to be formed in order to couple the source contact to the common source line. Applicants respectfully assert the Mehrad et al. reference and the Wollesen et al. reference do not teach or suggest a source contact coupled to said common source line under said stacked gate structure through **said** drain, and wherein said source contact is disposed in a row with drain contacts.

"CONCLUSION

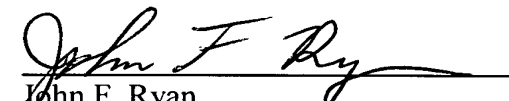
In light of the response presented herein, Applicants respectfully assert that Claims 1-3, 6-8, 11 and 12 of the present application overcome the rejections of record, and therefore request allowance of these claims.

The Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's undersigned representative if the Examiner believes such action would expedite resolution of the present Application.

Respectfully submitted,

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